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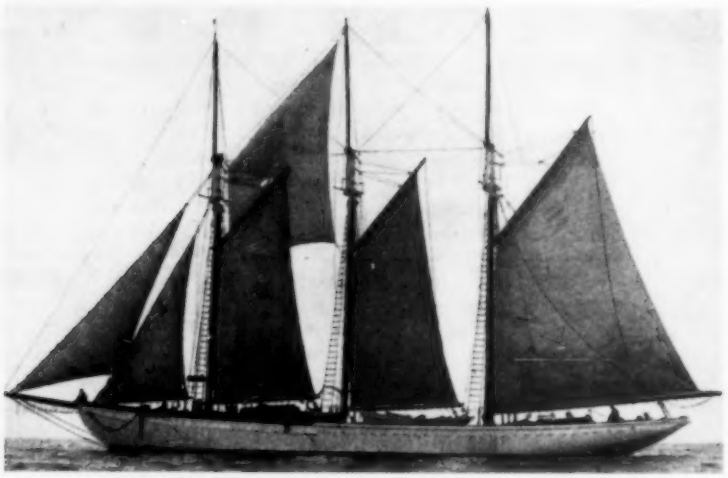
South Sea Collection Presented to Library, Lay in Attic for 45 Years



The Fahnestock expedition in the early 1940s was based on this 137-foot schooner, Director II, *which ultimately sank off the coast of Australia. Sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, the group sailed to the Marquesas, Tahiti, Fiji, Samoa, New Caledonia, Bali, Java, Madura, and the Kangean Islands.*

An unusual collection of audio recordings, films, and documents from the islands of the South Pacific is being presented to the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress on March 14 in the Whittall Pavilion of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building.

The collection represents the first electronic recordings to be made in Oceania and the last documentary efforts before the large-scale disruptions of traditional cultures caused by World War II. The collection remained largely unknown for more than 45 years as it lay stored in an attic.

The collection is being presented by Mrs. Margaret Fahnestock Lewis of Great Mills, Md., who with her late husband, Sheridan

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Fahnestock, and his brother Bruce sailed throughout the South Pacific in the early 1940s on an expedition sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History.

Mrs. Lewis and other members of the crew on the Fahnestock Expedition are expected to be on hand to recount their colorful adventures. An oral history already has been placed on deposit at the Library.

Included in the Fahnestock South Sea Collection, as it is to be known officially, are 143 16-inch disk recordings of music from the Marquesas Islands, Tahiti, Fiji, Samoa, New Caledonia, Bali, Java, Madura, and the Kangean Islands. The materials from the Kangean Islands are the first known field recordings from that small archepelago north of Bali.

Five reels of color film and numerous letters, magazine articles, and newspapers document the progress of the expedition, including its disastrous end when the Fahnestock's three-masted 137-foot schooner, *Director II*, struck a shoal and sank on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

National Forums Consider Future of the Library

MAP
MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE

A nationwide series of forums on the future of the Library of Congress with James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, as the principal participant will be launched at the University of Pittsburgh on March 16. A second forum will be held in Philadelphia on April 14 and others will follow in La Crosse, Wis., on April 17; Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on May 5; Sacramento, Calif., on June 1; and New Orleans, La., on July 8; in addition to possible other locations. The forums are designed to encourage participation by the library community in a yearlong process of review and planning for the needs of the Library of Congress in the year 2000 and beyond.

The forums are being organized by the Management and Planning (MAP) Committee of the Library together with local organizations around the United States, primarily libraries, educational institutions, and state Centers for the Book. The 28-person MAP Committee, chaired by Ellen Hahn, chief of the Library's General Reading Rooms Division, was appointed by Dr. Billington in January and charged with reexamining current Library of Congress strategies and management practices and suggesting new goals for the institution as it nears its 200th anniversary in the year 2000. In addition to the MAP Committee, a group of independent outside advisors, representing the Library's national and international constituents, will also be named to assist with the study.

Creation of the MAP Committee was one of the first official tasks undertaken by Dr. Billington following his appointment by President Reagan as the 13th Librarian of Congress. He was sworn in on September 14, 1987. Dr. Billington was formerly director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

Visit to Rio Field Office Yields New Acquisitions

Robert C. Sullivan, director for acquisitions and overseas operations Processing Services Department, visited the Library of Congress regional acquisitions office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during the week of October 4.

While there, Mr. Sullivan visited Rede Globo, Brazil's largest television network, to conclude an exchange which had been arranged by the Library's Exchange and Gift Division and Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, with the assistance of the Rio de Janeiro field office. This joint effort culminated in an exchange of videotapes for films, on October 6 in the offices of TV Globo's director for communications, João Carlos Magladi. Mr. Sullivan delivered copies of six American documentaries on Brazil, and received five programs from Globo. Among the latter were a documentary on the Amazon ("Amazon, Home of the Waters"), a musical special on Northeastern composer and singer Luiz Gonzaga, a television version of Jorge Amado's "Quincas Wateryell", and episodes from two of Globo's successful series "O Bem Amado," based on a political satire by Dias Gomes, and "Armação limitada," a sophisticated comedy and adventure series geared to young audiences.

These latest acquisitions, all of which are subtitled or narrated in English, will join the nine programs which Globo donated to the Library

Staff of the Library's field office in Rio de Janeiro. (Mr. Sullivan is fourth from right.)

of Congress in December 1985.

During his stay in Brazil, Mr. Sullivan had the opportunity of speaking to Brazilian library professionals on two occasions. At the invitation of the Brazilian Micrographics Association, organizers of EXPOMICRO 87, Mr. Sullivan spoke about the Library of Congress newspaper microfilm preservation program and reviewed the Library of Congress Biblioteca Nacional Brazilian newspaper microfilm exchange, which has benefited both libraries for more than ten years.

On October 8, Mr. Sullivan addressed an audience gathered at the Biblioteca Nacional on the subject of acquisitions at the Library of Congress.

Mr. Sullivan also met with the U.S. ambassador, Harry Shlaudeman, during a visit to Brasilia, on October 7, and discussed matters of mutual interest to the Library and the embassy.

In the Rio de Janeiro acquisitions office, Mr. Sullivan met with the staff and discussed current activities and proposed future directions for that overseas program.

The staff gathered on the terrace of the American Consulate General building, in which the office is located, to record the occasion with a photograph (above).

Seminar Is Held on Materials From Pacific Islands, Completes Collections Development Office Survey

The Collections Development Office of the Library on February 9 held the 18th in its series of Seminars on Foreign Acquisitions to review and discuss the acquisition of materials from the islands of the Pacific, including nine independent nations and 12 dependencies or overseas departments. With this seminar, the Library has completed its world survey, area by area. Future seminars are projected using other approaches.

Although the Pacific Islands comprise one of the areas to which least attention has been paid, the seminar revealed considerable interest and expertise within the Library of Congress, and among visiting librarians. Difficulties in obtaining current publications by purchase or exchange, common to most developing countries, are exacerbated by distances and the necessity and expense of travel. The Library is working toward building its acquisitions through blanket order purchases and microfilming in cooperation with other libraries, including those of Australia and New Zealand. Among the topics identified for special attention were the fishing industries, undersea minerals, and the anti-nuclear stance of some jurisdictions. The need to locate more non-book materials was also emphasized.

CONSER Policy Group Meets at the Library

Representatives of the CONSER (Cooperative Online Serials) Policy Committee met at the Library of Congress on November 5–6. The committee is the decision-making body of the CONSER Program and is chaired by Gloria Werner, University of California at Los Angeles.

Items on the agenda included membership, nature of the CONSER record, task force activity reports, related committees, and publicity. Among the decisions reached was the following: the committee agreed that membership in the program should remain open to large and to small, more specialized institutions alike, and that both would make an important contribution to CONSER.

CONSER is planning to share its language expertise among its members. Committee members reviewed a form that will be used to determine potential sources of help for CONSER members who need assistance in cataloging serials in difficult or little-known languages.

The subject of record review elicited a strong response from the committee against any overly rigid monitoring system. Members voiced their preference for keeping the primary responsibility for quality control with the individual members. The Library of Congress' responsibilities include providing good documentation, training, and database sampling.

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The committee also agreed to redefine the CONSER record as one that has been authenticated, i.e., one that has been reviewed for data content and content designation to ensure that it conforms to CONSER bibliographic practices and agreed-upon conventions and has been given certain identifying elements that indicate the degree to which the record has been reviewed.

The committee discussed reports prepared by the Database Task Force dealing with maintenance and retrospective conversion. The first report provides guidelines for updating, modifying, and consolidating records when changes occur in the serial or in the cataloging rules used to describe the serial. The second report deals with the difficult issues of handling name headings and latest entry records in the context of retrospective conversion. The guidelines for database maintenance will be implemented on a trial basis. The Task Force will continue to work on the CONSER procedures for retrospective conversion.

Also discussed were the composition and possible roles of two committees, the Abstracting and Indexing Advisory Committee and the CONSER Advisory Committee. The first, to be appointed in early 1988, will extend the functions of a similar committee created to oversee the CONSER Abstracting and Indexing Coverage Project, a project through which thousands of abstracting and indexing citations were added to CONSER records. The new committee will serve as a liaison with both the abstracting/indexing and public services communities and will make recommendations on further uses of the CONSER record.

The draft charge for the second committee, the CONSER Advisory Committee, is to advise and propose new objectives, products, and directions for CONSER. Of particular concern were the role and composition of the committee. The Executive Committee will continue to work on this and make recommendations to the Policy Committee.

Preparation of a new CONSER brochure was also discussed. OCLC, working with the CONSER Executive Committee, has prepared a new version which reflects the recent changes in the program. The brochure, now available from OCLC, provides an overview of the program, a list of current members, and details on whom to contact for more information. In addition to being issued in the "CONSER colors" of ivory and teal green, the new brochure contains the newly designed CONSER logo.

For further details on the meeting and activities within CONSER, contact Linda K. Bartley, CONSER Operations Coordinator, Serial Record Division, Library of Congress, Washington DC 20540.

Report from NACO at ALA Midwinter Meeting

The National Coordinated Cataloging Operations (NACO) continued its celebration of its tenth anniversary with a dinner buffet during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, Tex., on January 9. The event was held in the Anacacho Ballroom of the St. Anthony Inter-Continental Hotel.

Seventy-five persons participated in the event, which focused on the major contribution to the Library of Congress database by the more than 40 libraries that participate in the project. During the ten years of its existence, a total of 263,331 new name and series authority records have been contributed by NACO libraries, and 63,338 bibliographic records.

Several individuals made brief remarks following the dinner, the theme being "A Decade of Achievement." Oxana Horodecka, NACO's assistant coordinator for planning, served as mistress of ceremonies for the evening. Brian Helge, of the Center for Research Libraries, chaired the committee that made all of the arrangements for the evening.

Renovation Update

The following services have new locations during the Library's renovation and restoration project.

Research Guidance Office stations are at the entrances to the Social Science Reading Room and the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room. The **Main Card Catalog** and the **city telephone directories** are at Deck 7 South in the Adams Building. The **Jefferson Congressional Reading Room** is in room LJ 122E of the Jefferson Building. The **Telephone Reference** operation is in Room LJ 132 in the Jefferson Building. The **Catalog Management Filing Section** is at Deck 8, Adams Building.

AMERICAN TREASURY

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This week's question, drawn from the CBS News "American Treasury" series, broadcast each weekday at 3:57 p.m. (EST) on the CBS Television Network, is:

President Gerald Ford made headlines when he pardoned Richard Nixon. Whom else did he pardon while in office?

The answer to last week's question is:

The origin of the term "ballot" comes from ancient Greece, where judges voted by casting stones into a container. A white stone meant innocent; a black one, guilty. These stones became known in Italian as "little balls" or "ballottas," from which we get the English word "ballot."

STAFF NEWS

MAP Committee Places Suggestion Boxes At Ten Library Locations

Library of Congress staff members and visitors are invited to deposit their suggestions in blue-and-white MAP Suggestion Boxes placed by the Library's Management and Planning (MAP) Committee in ten convenient Library locations. The boxes were put out last week. "We are encouraging the staff and visiting public to take suggestion forms from the MAP Suggestion Boxes, fill them out, and either deposit them in a box or send them through internal Library mail to the MAP Committee, Room LM 603," said Ellen Hahn, chair of the MAP Committee.

Elizabeth Maloney Wulkan, special assistant to the MAP Committee, will collect completed forms from the MAP Suggestion Boxes twice a week. Winston Tabb, vice chair of the committee, will sort the suggestions and assign them to special subcommittees of the MAP Committee for study and response.

MAP Committee suggestion forms may be signed or not. Ms. Hahn said the committee is soliciting suggestions on any topic, as wide-ranging as collections development, reading room service and other services to the public, and personnel concerns. Since formation of the MAP Committee was announced on January 15, the committee has received 200 submissions, some with several suggestions and plans for implementation.

MAP Suggestion Boxes are receiving written comments at four James Madison Building locations—the main lobby information desk, the C Street entrance from Metro, the ground-floor coffee shop corridor and the sixth-floor cafeteria entrance; at the Second Street entrance police desk in the John Adams Building; at the west entrance sales counter of the Thomas Jefferson Building; in the lunch rooms of the Taylor Street and Landover offices; and in fourth-floor hallways of the Federal Research Division in Buildings 159 and 159E at the Navy Yard Annex.

Ellen Hahn, left, and Elizabeth Maloney Wulkan check a MAP Suggestion Box.

LCPA Seeks Contributions to Annual Book Sale

Books you know you'll never read or have read already, posters no longer representational of your taste in art or decorating, records replaced by compact disks—all your rejects from spring-cleaning campaigns—will be welcomed by the Library of Congress Professional Association (LCPA) that is planning its 17th annual book sale.

The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, in Room LM 561 (the former Official Catalog Room) of the James Madison Memorial Building. Volunteers will begin collecting items for the sale on April 11. Those who contribute sale items will be admitted to the sale the first hour, when shoppers will have the best selection.

A major fund raiser for the LCPA, the book sale last year generated approximately $2,800 for the organization's general fund. Sale revenue together with membership dues pay for organization expenses, chief of which are publication costs for two newsletters, "Insights" and "LCPA Broadside," which are each issued six times a year, and the annual *LCPA's Index to Library of Congress Information Bulletin.*

Volunteers to work as cashiers and to help set up and clean up the sale area may call the sale chair, Peter Giordano, ext. 78757. Sale donations of books, records, posters, children's

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Eldercare Discussion Group Organized for Staff Members

Library staff members who provide care or anticipate providing care for parents, spouses, or other older persons are invited to lunchtime meetings of an Eldercare Discussion Group, which has been organized by the Employee Assistance Joint Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Staff Relations Office.

An overview of Alzheimer's disease will be presented by Ms. Martha Roberts, director of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRDA), at 12 noon Wednesday, March 30, in the West Dining Room on the sixth floor of the James Madison Memorial Building.

The group is meeting twice a month at noon on Wednesdays. One meeting features a guest speaker and the next focuses on insights or concerns generated by the speaker's remarks. The purpose of the group is to share information about the physical and emotional aspects of care-giving, to identify community and financial resources, and to provide mutual support to group members through the sharing of experiences. Topics suggested for future meetings include long-distance care-giving, sharing care among family members, nursing-home care, and coping with emotional stress, finances, and medical insurance.

Persons interested in eldercare and wishing more information about upcoming meetings of the Eldercare Discussion Group may call John Kozar at extension 76165, Ruth Rappaport at extension 75819, or Barbara Isaacs at extension 76361.

Staff Activities

John Y. Cole, director of the Center for the Book, **Ralph Oman,** Register of Copyrights, and **Dana J. Pratt,** director of the Publishing Office, spoke at the 1988 annual meeting of the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers, which was held in Washington, D.C., on February 5. Their topic was "Library of Congress Services to Publishers."

Lea Coryell, shelflister, Subject Cataloging Division, was elected president of the Historical Society of Herndon, Va., on January 19. The president's term is one year. The society collects and disseminates historical information about Herndon in addition to maintaining a museum and a small library in the town's restored railroad depot.

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books, music, videotapes, and related items may be delivered to the following persons beginning on April 11.

In the Madison building: Dawn Thompson, LM 513, ext. 78346; Chris Werner, LM 531, ext. 77919; Steve Rosenblatt, LM 438C, ext. 77125; Cindy Cunningham, LM 219, ext. 78900; Mary Bley, LM 219, ext. 78900; and Mike Busher, LM B05, ext. 78550.

In the Adams building: Mary Kramer, LA 120, ext. 76235; Annette Hale, LA 120, ext. 77809; and Erik Delfino, LA 1026, ext. 79134.

In the Jefferson building: Mark Mattucci, LJ G132, ext. 77924; Ron Bluestone, LJ 122C, ext. 75525; and Peter Galley, LJ 112, ext. 71571.

In the Taylor Street office, Jim Herndon, ext. 79233; and in the Navy Yard, Serge Demidenko, 159, ext. 75871.

John C. Broderick, assistant librarian for research services, is the author of "The Library of Congress: Your National Library" in *AGORA: The Magazine for Gifted Students,* v. 2 (January 1988), p. 34–37.

Ralph E. Ehrenberg, assistant chief, Geography and Map Division, is the author of *Scholars' Guide to Washington, D.C. for Cartography and Remote Sensing Imagery,* which was recently published by the Smithsonian Institution Press. The 385-page volume, the latest in the guide series produced by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, contains descriptions of more than 200 collections of cartographic material in the Washington, D.C., area. The publication also mentions organizations that produce cartographic products and related academic and research facilities. Mr. Ehrenberg and **Ronald E. Grim,** head of the Reference and Bibliography Section, Geography and Map Division, contributed to *Mapping the North American Plains: Essays in the History of Cartography* (Norman and London: University of Oklahoma Press, 1987), edited by Frederick C. Luebke, Frances W. Kaye, and Gary E. Moulton.

Dennis Everett and **Page Miller,** information specialists, Copyright Office, spoke to art and music teachers from high schools in the Northern Virginia Catholic Archdiocese at the Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va., on February 24. They explained copyright fair use and registrability of fine arts and musical works.

Arthur Lieb of the Office of The Librarian, **James Moldovan** of the Congressional Reference Division, and **Charles Sens** of the Music Division, as members of the Choral

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Arts Society of Washington, recently performed and recorded Dimitri Shostakovich's Symphony Number 13, the "Babi Yar Symphony," with the National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich. The recording is expected to be released in 1988 by the French firm, Erato.

Ralph Oman, Register of Copyrights, and **Lewis Flacks,** policy planning advisor, were members of the U.S. delegation to the Committee of Governmental Experts on the Printed Word, which was convened jointly by the World Intellectual Property Organization and Unesco in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting was the sixth in a series to review the changing global, technological environment for the creation, exploitation, and personal use of copyrighted works and to develop nonbinding principles to guide national policymakers in devising solutions to copyright problems. Mr. Oman also participated in a panel discussion of legislation affecting digital audio tape recorders (DAT) at a conference of the Electronic Industries Association's Consumer Electronics Group held in Las Vegas, Nev., January 7-8.

Marybeth Peters, a policy-planning advisor in the Copyright Office, attended the American Intellectual Property Law Association's midwinter meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., on February 2. The topic of the meeting was "Law of Computer-Related Technology." Ms. Peters and Neil Boorstyn of Townsend & Townsend conducted a seminar, "How to Obtain Effective Copyright Protection for Software, Including Copyright Office Registration Procedures." Ms. Peters also gave a presentation, "Copyright Law for Business Lawyers," at the Minneapolis Institute of Legal Education, Intellectual Property Law Seminar, in Minneapolis, Minn., on February 5.

Curtis Smith, information specialist in the Copyright Office, was the guest speaker in the Winter 1988 Special Events Lecture Series presented by the Frederick Arts Center Foundation in Frederick, Md., on February 10. Mr. Smith discussed copyright—rights, registration, and infringement—for the visual arts.

Merrily A. Smith, specialist, National Preservation Program, Research Services, is the editor of *Preservation of Library Materials: Conference Held at the National Library of Austria, Vienna, Austria, April 7-10, 1986* (Munich, K. G. Saur, 1987). The two-volume publication records the papers presented at the benchmark international conference of preservation experts and national library directors. A forum for the exchange of information on preservation problems and their possible solutions, the conference included both technical and theoretical papers presented by 39 speakers from 17 countries. The Vienna conference was sponsored by the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in cooperation with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Unesco, with support from the Council on Library Resources and the Library of Congress.

Paul Vassallo, former Library of Congress staff member, has been appointed as the executive director of the Washington Research Library Consortium, which is a collaborative effort to provide online computer service and access to libraries and information resources of eight participating universities in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. Mr. Vassallo was appointed by Lloyd H. Elliott, president of The George Washington University and chair of the consortium board of directors. Mr. Vassallo had served the Library of Congress as chief of the Congressional Reference Division and director of the National Serials Data Program. Since October 1974 he has been the professor of librarianship at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, where he also was dean of library services until June 1986. He is the associate vice president for Computer and Information Resources and Technology.

Marriage Announcement

Fran Talley, Copyright cataloger, married Marty Kohlmeier, who works for General Motors in Fairfax City, on December 27. The couple resides in Springfield, Va., with her sons, Jason and Kip.

Staff Carpool Locator

Rider/driver seeks established carpool or newly forming carpool from the Cheverly/Landover area. On flexitime schedule, 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Valerie Ellis, ext. 78117.

Established carpool from the Seminary Road/Duke Street area of Northern Virginia seeks a rider. On compflex schedule, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Virginia "Ginny" Giroux at 78259.

Established carpool from Rockville, Md., using the Interstate 270 route, seeks a driver/rider in the area of Montrose and Old Georgetown Roads. Flexitime schedule, 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Vicki Korobkin at ext. 71470.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, March 22
☐ "Three-Dimensional Copyright Deposits in the Copyright Archive," Frank Evina, information specialist, Copyright Office. LC Professional Association (LCPA). Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Friday, March 25
☐ Concert by Continuum, Joel Sachs and Cheryl Seltzer, directors. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Monday, March 28
☐ "An Evening of Poetry in the Comic Vein," presented by poets X. J. Kennedy and George Starbuck. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Tuesday, April 5
☐ "The Unknown Paper Print Collection," Pat Loughney, archival film cataloger, Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division. LCPA. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

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